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if it weren't for your love and encouragement. I also want to thank this body for allowing me the honor of taking the oath of office in this historic Chamber. Your graciousness is appreciated. To the citizens of this great state, I have this to say. I stand ready to accept the awesome responsibilities now before me. I am grateful, not only to have had the opportunity to serve as Lieutenant Governor, but to have done so alongside a man of Mike Johanns' caliber. Today I am honored to accept a more prominent role in the leadership of this state. As Nebraska's 39th Governor, I will commit myself to making this state an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family. I intend to reach out from border to border to hear firsthand from our citizens about their thoughts, concerns, and ideas for our state. I look forward to working with you and sharing more with you about my vision for the future next week, when I deliver the State of the State. Thank you very much. (Applause)

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Would the Escort Committee for the Governor please escort the Governor, the First Lady, and their son, Sam Heineman, from the Chamber. Would the Escort Committee for the Chief Justice please come forward and escort the Chief Justice from the Chamber. The body will be at ease, please, as we await some possible other announcements. Thank you. May I have your attention, please? May I? Thank you. I wanted to make certain that everyone present knew that there will be a reception line forming in the Governor's suite 15 minutes following our adjournment, and you would all be welcome there. We will...we still are waiting on a few other announcements, so if you would bear with us, we would appreciate your patience. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have any messages, reports, or announcements, please?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Your Committee on Government, chaired by Senator Schimek, reports LB 54 and LB 96 to General File with amendments; those reports signed by Senator Schimek. Revenue Committee, chaired by Senator Landis, reports LB 16 and LB 17 to General File; LB 15, General File with amendments; likewise with LB 18, LB 263, LB 283; and LB 371 is reported indefinitely postponed; those reports signed by Senator Landis. Senator Stuhr, as Chair of Retirement, offers LB 329 to